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1. On 21 October 1951, a fairly large group of laborers in various factories, business and other installations in Belgrade were assigned to work projects in mines in Serbia. The laborers were selected for these projects by individual union organizations in Belgrade. The group was comprised of non-Party members and, although referred to as a voluntary brigade, in actuality the individuals were forced to join. They were informed that they would work in the mines for a period of from one to two months.
2. The Yugoslav Government was forced to employ this method of recruiting laborers for the mines because, since last Spring, a large number of peasants who had been working in factories and mines have abandoned their jobs and returned to their farms. The peasants returned to the farms for various reasons, among which the most important were:
 - a. The prospect of an exceptionally good crop this year.
 - b. Lifting of strict Government regulations regarding the collection of produce.
 - c. The promise of greater farm profits because of the above two conditions.
 - d. Realization that it did not pay to work in mines and in industry for only 180 to 220 dinars per day.

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